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Amendment A

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 1998 August 18, please amend the above application as follows:

Specification:

Page 4, line 35, after "application" insert "--serial number 08/962,026--"

Page 6, lines 16 to 17, delete "external... absent,"

Page 6, line 16, after "shows" insert "-evidence that safety components are absent without requiring disassembly or detailed inspection of the firearm,"

Claims:

Cancel all claims of record and substitute new claims 21 to 40, as follows.

21. In a firearm, a passive safety mechanism comprising blocking means to block a firing element, said blocking means being distinct from a sear, and connecting means which connects said blocking means to a trigger, characterized in that one of the means performs an additional function distinct from that of a triggerbar.